

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1
2 1. An introduction support method, in which a computer connected
3 to various terminals through an information transmitting medium is used
4 to support a coordinator in introducing a provider who can provide a
5 service (hereinafter, "service" includes provision of a commodity)
6 conforming with a request of an applicant, comprising:

7 a provider registration step, for receiving a desired term on a
8 providable service from a terminal of a provider, and for registering said
9 desired term in association with information on said provider
10 (hereinafter, referred to as provider information);

11 a providing state registration step, for obtaining providing state
12 information on occasions of said provider for providing a service, and for
13 registering said providing state information in association with the
14 provider information of said provider;

15 an applicant registration step, for receiving an application for use
16 of a service that an applicant wishes to enjoy, from a terminal of said
17 applicant, and for registering said application in association with
18 information on said applicant (hereinafter, referred to as applicant
19 information);

20 an introduction candidate selection step, for selecting desired
21 terms that satisfy at least a part of contents of said application, out of
22 desired terms registered by said provider registration step, and for
23 selecting providers each specified by provider information associated
24 with each of the selected desired terms, as introduction candidates; and

an introduction candidate output step, for outputting an

25 introduction candidate list to a terminal of said coordinator, with said
26 introduction candidate list describing said provider information, said
27 desired term and said providing state information for each of said
28 providers selected in relation to said application in said introduction
29 candidate selection step.

1 2. The introduction support method according to Claim 1, further
2 comprising:

3 a selection receiving step, for receiving a selection result from the
4 terminal of said coordinator, with said selection being performed by said
5 coordinator for selecting a provider to be introduced to said applicant,
6 out of said introduction candidate list; and

7 a provider introduction step, for outputting the provider
8 information and desired term of said provider selected by said
9 coordinator in relation to said application, to the terminal of said
10 applicant.

1 3. The introduction support method according to Claim 1, further
2 comprising:

3 a negotiation history registration step, for registering negotiation
4 history information that includes a history of negotiations between the
5 terminal of said coordinator and the terminals of said providers
6 described in said introduction candidate list, with said negotiation
7 history information being registered in association with information on
8 said coordinator (hereinafter, referred to as coordinator information).

1 4. The introduction support method according to Claim 3, wherein:
2 said negotiation history registration step includes a step of

3 registering comments on said providers received from said coordinator
4 terminal, associating each comment with said provider information of the
5 provider relating to said each comment; and

6 in said introduction candidate output step, said introduction
7 candidate list is outputted together with said comments on said providers
8 described in said introduction candidate list, to the terminal of said
9 coordinator.

1 5. The introduction support method according to Claim 1, wherein:
2 said providing state information is a possessed face value of
3 ticket received from said applicant as value for the service; and
4 said providing state registration step includes a step of adding a
5 face value of said ticket paid by said applicant to said provider as value
6 of the service provided, to the possessed face value of said ticket
7 possessed by said provider.

1 6. The introduction support method according to Claim 5, wherein:
2 said providing state registration step includes a step of receiving
3 the face value of said ticket paid by said applicant to said provider as
4 value for the service provided, from the terminal of said applicant.

1 7. The introduction support method according to Claim 5, wherein:
2 when said applicant is also registered as a provider by said
3 provider registration step, then, said providing state registration step
4 includes a step of subtracting the face value of said ticket paid by said
5 applicant from a possessed face value of said ticket of said provider who
6 is said applicant.

1 8. The introduction support method according to Claim 1, further
2 comprising:

3 a result registration step, for receiving evaluation information on
4 the service received by said applicant from said provider, from the
5 terminal of said applicant, and for registering said evaluation information
6 in association with the provider information of said provider.

1 9. The introduction support method according to Claim 8, wherein:

2 in said introduction candidate output step, said introduction
3 candidate list is outputted together with evaluation information of said
4 providers described in said introduction candidate list, to the terminal of
5 said coordinator.

1 10. The introduction support method according to Claim 1, wherein:

2 in said introduction candidate output step, listing order of said
3 providers described in said introduction candidate list is decided
4 depending on a priority of each of said providers, with said priority
5 being decided according to matched parts between the desired term of
6 the provider in question and the contents of said application.

1 11. The introduction support method according to Claim 1, wherein:

2 said provider belongs to at least one of communities, with each
3 community being a group of an arbitrary unit;

4 said provider information includes identification information of
5 the community to which said provider belongs;

6 said application for use includes designation of a community;
7 and

8 in said introduction candidate selection step, the introduction

9 candidates relating to said application are selected from providers
10 belonging to the community designated by said application.

1 12. The introduction support method according to Claim 11, wherein:
2 coordinators are each assigned to at least one of said
3 communities; and
4 in said introduction candidate output step, said introduction
5 candidate list relating to said application is outputted to a terminal of
6 said coordinator assigned to the community designated by said
7 application.

1 13. The introduction support method according to Claim 1, wherein:
2 at least a part of said provider information or at least a part of
3 applicant information is closed to public.

1 14. The introduction support method according to Claim 1, wherein:
2 said desired term includes designation of a providable service, a
3 date (or, a day of the week and a time zone), and a place; and
4 said application for use includes designation of a service that the
5 applicant wishes to enjoy, a date (or, a day of the week and a time zone),
6 and a place.

1 15. An introduction support system that supports a coordinator in
2 introducing a provider who can provide a service (hereinafter, "service"
3 includes provision of a commodity) conforming with a request of an
4 applicant, comprising:
5 a provider registration means, for receiving a desired term on a
6 providable service from a provider's terminal connected through an

7 information transmitting medium, and for registering said desired term
8 in association with information on said provider (hereinafter, referred to
9 as provider information);

10 a providing state registration means, for obtaining providing
11 state information on occasions of said provider for providing a service,
12 and for registering said providing state information in association with
13 the provider information of said provider;

14 an applicant registration means, for receiving an application for
15 use of a service that an applicant wishes to enjoy, from a terminal of said
16 applicant, and for registering said application in association with
17 information on said applicant (hereinafter, referred to as applicant
18 information), with said terminal being connected through an information
19 transmission medium;

20 an introduction candidate selection means, for selecting desired
21 terms that satisfy at least a part of contents of said application, out of
22 desired terms registered by said provider registration means, and for
23 selecting providers each specified by provider information associated
24 with each of the selected desired terms, as introduction candidates; and

25 an introduction candidate output means, for outputting an
26 introduction candidate list to a terminal of said coordinator, with said
27 introduction candidate list describing said provider information, said
28 desired term and said providing state information for each of said
29 providers selected in relation to said application by said introduction
30 candidate selection means, and with said terminal being connected
31 through an information transmitting medium.

1 16. An introduction support system that supports a coordinator in
2 introducing a provider who can provide a service (hereinafter, "service"

3 includes provision of a commodity) conforming with a request of an
4 applicant, comprising:

5 a provider registration means, for receiving a desired term on a
6 providable service from a provider's terminal connected through an
7 information transmitting medium, and for registering said desired term
8 in association with information on said provider (hereinafter, referred to
9 as provider information);

10 a providing state registration means, for obtaining providing
11 state information on occasions of said provider for providing a service,
12 and for registering said providing state information in association with
13 the provider information of said provider;

14 an applicant registration means, for receiving an application for
15 use of a service that an applicant wishes to enjoy, from a terminal of said
16 applicant, and for registering said application in association with
17 information on said applicant (hereinafter, referred to as applicant
18 information), with said terminal being connected through an information
19 transmission medium;

20 an introduction candidate selection means, for selecting desired
21 terms that satisfy at least a part of contents of said application, out of
22 desired terms registered by said provider registration means, and for
23 selecting providers each specified by provider information associated
24 with each of the selected desired terms, as introduction candidates;

25 an introduction candidate output means, for outputting an
26 introduction candidate list to a terminal of said coordinator, with said
27 introduction candidate list describing said provider information, said
28 desired term and said providing state information for each of said
29 providers selected in relation to said application by said introduction
30 candidate selection means, and with said terminal being connected

31 through an information transmitting medium; and

32 a negotiation history registration means, for registering
33 negotiation history information that includes a history of negotiations
34 between the terminal of said coordinator and the terminals of said
35 providers described in said introduction candidate list, with said
36 negotiation history information being registered in association with
37 information on said coordinator (hereinafter, referred to as coordinator
38 information).

1 17. A program for supporting a coordinator in introducing a
2 provider who can provide a service (hereinafter, "service" includes
3 provision of a commodity) conforming with a request of an applicant,
4 wherein:

5 said program is read and executed by a computer, to realize:

6 a provider registration means, for receiving a desired term on a
7 providable service from a provider's terminal connected through an
8 information transmitting medium, and for registering said desired term
9 in association with information on said provider (hereinafter, referred to
10 as provider information);

11 a providing state registration means, for obtaining providing
12 state information on occasions of said provider for providing a service,
13 and for registering said providing state information in association with
14 the provider information of said provider;

15 an applicant registration means, for receiving an application for
16 use of a service that an applicant wishes to enjoy, from a terminal of said
17 applicant, and for registering said application in association with
18 information on said applicant (hereinafter, referred to as applicant
19 information), with said terminal being connected through an information

20 transmission medium;

21 an introduction candidate selection means, for selecting desired
22 terms that satisfy at least a part of contents of said application, out of
23 desired terms registered by said provider registration means, and for
24 selecting providers each specified by provider information associated
25 with each of the selected desired terms, as introduction candidates; and

26 an introduction candidate output means, for outputting an
27 introduction candidate list to a terminal of said coordinator, with said
28 introduction candidate list describing said provider information, said
29 desired term and said providing state information for each of said
30 providers selected in relation to said application by said introduction
31 candidate selection means, and with said terminal being connected
32 through an information transmitting medium;
33 on said computer.

1 18. A program for supporting a coordinator in introducing a
2 provider who can provide a service (hereinafter, "service" includes
3 provision of a commodity) conforming with a request of an applicant,
4 wherein:

5 said program is read and executed by a computer, to realize:

6 a provider registration means, for receiving a desired term on a
7 providable service from a provider's terminal connected through an
8 information transmitting medium, and for registering said desired term
9 in association with information on said provider (hereinafter, referred to
10 as provider information);

11 a providing state registration means, for obtaining providing
12 state information on occasions of said provider for providing a service,
13 and for registering said providing state information in association with

14 the provider information of said provider;

15 an applicant registration means, for receiving an application for
16 use of a service that an applicant wishes to enjoy, from a terminal of said
17 applicant, and for registering said application in association with
18 information on said applicant (hereinafter, referred to as applicant
19 information), with said terminal being connected through an information
20 transmission medium;

21 an introduction candidate selection means, for selecting desired
22 terms that satisfy at least a part of contents of said application, out of
23 desired terms registered by said provider registration means, and for
24 selecting providers each specified by provider information associated
25 with each of the selected desired terms, as introduction candidates;

26 an introduction candidate output means, for outputting an
27 introduction candidate list to a terminal of said coordinator, with said
28 introduction candidate list describing said provider information, said
29 desired term and said providing state information for each of said
30 providers selected in relation to said application by said introduction
31 candidate selection means, and with said terminal being connected
32 through an information transmitting medium; and

33 a negotiation history registration means, for registering
34 negotiation history information that includes a history of negotiations
35 between the terminal of said coordinator and the terminals of said
36 providers described in said introduction candidate list, with said
37 negotiation history information being registered in association with
38 information on said coordinator (hereinafter, referred to as coordinator
39 information);

40 on said computer.

1 19. An introduction method, in which a computer connected to
 2 various terminals through an information transmitting medium is used to
 3 introduce a provider who can provide a service (hereinafter, "service"
 4 includes provision of a commodity) conforming with a request of an
 5 applicant, comprising:

6 a provider registration step, for receiving a desired term on a
 7 providable service from a terminal of a provider, and for registering said
 8 desired term in association with information on said provider
 9 (hereinafter, referred to as provider information);

10 a providing state registration step, for obtaining providing state
 11 information on occasions of said provider for providing a service, and for
 12 registering said providing state information in association with the
 13 provider information of said provider;

14 an applicant registration step, for receiving an application for use
 15 of a service that an applicant wishes to enjoy, from a terminal of said
 16 applicant, and for registering said application in association with
 17 information on said applicant (hereinafter, referred to as applicant
 18 information);

19 a provider specifying step, for selecting desired terms that satisfy
 20 at least a part of contents of said application, out of desired terms
 21 registered by said provider registration step, and for specifying said
 22 provider to be introduced to said applicant, depending on each priority
 23 decided according to matched parts between each of said selected desired
 24 terms and the contents of said application.

1 20. The introduction method according to Claim 19, wherein:
 2 in said provider specifying step,
 3 when there exist a plurality of providers having a highest priority,

4 a provider whose occasions for providing a service, shown by his
5 providing state information, is lowest among said plurality of providers
6 is selected as the provider to be introduced to said applicant.

1 21. The introduction method according to Claim 19, further
2 comprising:

3 a history registration step, for registering contents of processing
4 in said provider specifying step.

1 22. The introduction method according to Claim 19, wherein:

2 said providing state information is a possessed face value of
3 ticket received from said applicant as value for the service; and

4 said providing state registration step includes a step of adding a
5 face value of said ticket paid by said applicant to said provider as value
6 of the service provided, to the possessed face value of said ticket
7 possessed by said provider.

1 23. The introduction method according to Claim 22, wherein:

2 said providing state registration step includes a step of receiving
3 the face value of said ticket paid by said applicant to said provider as
4 value for the service provided, from the terminal of said applicant.

1 24. The introduction method according to Claim 22, wherein:

2 when said applicant is also registered as a provider by said
3 provider registration step, then, said providing state registration step
4 includes a step of subtracting the face value of said ticket paid by said
5 applicant from a possessed face value of said ticket of said provider who
6 is said applicant.

1 25. The introduction method according to Claim 19, wherein:
 2 said provider belongs to at least one of communities, with each
 3 community being a group of an arbitrary unit;
 4 said provider information includes identification information of
 5 the community to which said provider belongs;
 6 said application for use includes designation of a community;
 7 and
 8 in said provider specifying step, said provider to be introduced
 9 to said applicant is selected from providers belonging to the community
 10 designated by said application.

1 26. The introduction method according to Claim 19, wherein:
 2 at least a part of said provider information or at least a part of
 3 applicant information is closed to public.

1 27. The introduction method according to Claim 19, wherein:
 2 said desired term includes designation of a providable service, a
 3 date (or, a day of the week and a time zone), and a place; and
 4 said application for use includes designation of a service that the
 5 applicant wishes to enjoy, a date (or, a day of the week and a time zone),
 6 and a place.

1 28. An introduction system for introducing a provider who can
 2 provide a service (hereinafter, "service" includes provision of a
 3 commodity) conforming with a request of an applicant, comprising:
 4 a provider registration means, for receiving a desired term on a
 5 providable service from a provider's terminal through an information
 6 transmitting medium, and for registering said desired term in association

7 with information on said provider (hereinafter, referred to as provider
8 information);

9 a providing state registration means, for obtaining providing
10 state information on occasions of said provider for providing a service,
11 and for registering said providing state information in association with
12 the provider information of said provider;

13 an applicant registration means, for receiving an application for
14 use of a service that an applicant wishes to enjoy, from a terminal of said
15 applicant through an information transmission medium, and for
16 registering said application in association with information on said
17 applicant (hereinafter, referred to as applicant information); and

18 a provider specifying means, for selecting desired terms that
19 satisfy at least a part of contents of said application, out of desired terms
20 registered by said provider registration means, and for specifying said
21 provider to be introduced to said applicant, depending on each priority
22 decided according to matched parts between each of said selected desired
23 terms and the contents of said application.

1 29. An introduction system for introducing a provider who can
2 provide a service (hereinafter, "service" includes provision of a
3 commodity) conforming with a request of an applicant, comprising:

4 a provider registration means, for receiving a desired term on a
5 providable service from a provider's terminal through an information
6 transmitting medium, and for registering said desired term in association
7 with information on said provider (hereinafter, referred to as provider
8 information);

9 a providing state registration means, for obtaining providing
10 state information on occasions of said provider for providing a service,

11 and for registering said providing state information in association with
12 the provider information of said provider;

13 an applicant registration means, for receiving an application for
14 use of a service that an applicant wishes to enjoy, from a terminal of said
15 applicant through an information transmission medium, and for
16 registering said application in association with information on said
17 applicant (hereinafter, referred to as applicant information);

18 a provider specifying means, for selecting desired terms that
19 satisfy at least a part of contents of said application, out of desired terms
20 registered by said provider registration means, and for specifying said
21 provider to be introduced to said applicant, depending on each priority
22 decided according to matched parts between each of said selected desired
23 terms and the contents of said application; and

24 a history registration means, for registering contents of
25 processing by said provider specifying means.

1 30. A program for introducing a provider who can provide a service
2 (hereinafter, "service" includes provision of a commodity) conforming
3 with a request of an applicant, wherein:

4 said program is read and executed by a computer, to realize:

5 a provider registration means, for receiving a desired term on a
6 providable service from a provider's terminal through an information
7 transmitting medium, and for registering said desired term in association
8 with information on said provider (hereinafter, referred to as provider
9 information);

10 a providing state registration means, for obtaining providing
11 state information on occasions of said provider for providing a service,
12 and for registering said providing state information in association with

the provider information of said provider;

an applicant registration means, for receiving an application for use of a service that an applicant wishes to enjoy, from a terminal of said applicant through an information transmission medium, and for registering said application in association with information on said applicant (hereinafter, referred to as applicant information); and

a provider specifying means, for selecting desired terms that matches with at least a part of contents of said application, out of desired terms registered by said provider registration means, and for specifying said provider to be introduced to said applicant, depending on each priority decided according to matched parts between each of said selected desired terms and the contents of said application;
on said computer.

31. A program for introducing a provider who can provide a service (hereinafter, "service" includes provision of a commodity) conforming with a request of an applicant, wherein:

said program is read and executed by a computer, to realize:

a provider registration means, for receiving a desired term on a providable service from a provider's terminal through an information transmitting medium, and for registering said desired term in association with information on said provider (hereinafter, referred to as provider information);

a providing state registration means, for obtaining providing state information on occasions of said provider for providing a service, and for registering said providing state information in association with the provider information of said provider;

an applicant registration means, for receiving an application for

15 use of a service that an applicant wishes to enjoy, from a terminal of said
 16 applicant through an information transmission medium, and for
 17 registering said application in association with information on said
 18 applicant (hereinafter, referred to as applicant information);

19 a provider specifying means, for selecting desired terms that
 20 matches with at least a part of contents of said application, out of desired
 21 terms registered by said provider registration means, and for specifying
 22 said provider to be introduced to said applicant, depending on each
 23 priority decided according to matched parts between each of said selected
 24 desired terms and the contents of said application; and

25 a history registration means, for registering contents of
 26 processing by said provider specifying means.